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SUBJECT: TASS OBSERVER ON CHINA

1. SOVIET MEDIA HAVE REPORTED THAT FOREIGN REPORTERS IN PEKING ARE AGAIN SPEAKING OF PREPARATIONS FOR A NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. AN ARTICLE BY TASS OBSERVER M. YAKOVLEV, WHICH WAS CARRIED IN BOTH PRAVDA (AUG 17) AND IZVESTIA (AUG 16) AND READ OVER THE EVENING NEWS (AUG 16), REPORTS THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF A NEW PRC CONSITUTION. THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE LAST NPC WAS HELD NEARLY TEN YEARS AGO, AND MENTIONS THE SEVERAL PROMISES OF SUCH A MEETING SINCE 1970. IT ALSO NOTES THAT THE POST OF STATE CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN VACANT FOR EIGHT YEARS. IT CONCLUDES THAT A NEW CONSTITUTION WOULD BY NO MEANS SHOW THE STABILITY OF THE MAOIST FACTION; ON THE CONTRARY, THE POWER STRUGGLE IS STILL

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GOING ON EVEN MORE SHARPLY.

2. COMMENT: THE ARTICLE IS NOTABLE CHIEFLY FOR GIVING
CREDENCE TO A NEW ROUND OF NPC RUMORS, AND FOR POINTING
AGAIN TO THE ALLEGED INTERNAL STRUGGLE IN CHINA.
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